

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-15, 31-49 are allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claims 1, 31, 35, 41, 43, 45, the cited prior arts, either alone or in combination, fail to teach where the establishing includes at least one message comprising an indication of a requested charging metric is exchanged between the user device and the bridging user device, in combination with all of other limitations in the claims.

Claims 2-15, 48 depend on claim 1. Thus, they are allowable.

Claims 32-34 depend on claim 31. Thus, they are allowable.

Claims 36-40 depend on claim 35. Thus, they are allowable.

Claim 42 depends on claim 41. Thus, it is allowable.

Claim 44 depends on claim 43. Thus, it is allowable.

Claims 46-47, 49 depend on claim 45. Thus, they are allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HUY D. NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571)272-7845. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

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